

# ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

## Health Information Technology

The Health Information Technology (HIT) program prepares students for employment in the health information management industry or in related health information technology occupations. The program is built around AHIMA (American Health Information Management Association) curriculum competencies and knowledge cluster requirements as well as comprised of the general education core requirements. The HIT program is a limited admission program. Students must submit an application to and be approved by the program director. Applications are available on the website, and must be completed by August 1 for Fall entry and January 1 for Spring entry.

In order to promote student success in the HIT program, the following criteria is established for admission: a) high school GPA of at least 2.0 or a passing GED score and b) a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 for previous college hours. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better in order to progress to the next course and an overall GPA of 2.5 to successfully complete the program.

Prior to enrolling in the HIT 290 course, students will be required to have a physical examination and verify annual tuberculosis status. A criminal background check along with a drug screen may be required, and students are responsible for any costs incurred. If a negative result is returned, the student may not be able to complete the clinical application experience.

The Health Information Technology Program is accredited by the Commission on the Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education (CAHIIM). CAHIIM is the accrediting body for degree-granting programs in health informatics and information management. Graduates of our program are eligible to take the national examination for registered health information technicians (RHIT) from the American Health Information Management Association.

**Students must earn 66 hours for this degree**

<b>Orientation</b>		<b>1 hour</b>
COLL	101 College Orientation	
<b>Communications</b>		<b>9 hours</b>
<b>Written Communications (6 hours)</b>		
ENGL	101* English Composition (3)	
ENGL	102* Advanced English Composition (3) OR ENGL 104*	
<b>Oral Communications (3 hours)</b>		
SPCH	101* Fundamentals of Speech (3)	
<b>Mathematics</b>		<b>3 hours</b>
MATH	107*, Introduction to Mathematics or 111* College Algebra (3)	
<b>Missouri Constitution</b>		<b>3 hours</b>
PLSC	103*, 104* National, State, Local Government (3)	
HIST	106* U.S. History I (3)	
<b>Health Information Technology Core</b>		<b>47 hours</b>
OA	215* Medical Terminology (3)	
BSAD	125 Computer Applications (3)	
HIT	110* Introduction to Health Information Technology (3)	
HIT	115* Health Information Management Systems (3)	
HIT	180 Survey of Anatomy and Physiology (5)	
HIT	200* Alternative Healthcare Delivery Systems (3)	
HIT	210* Pathophysiology w/ Pharmacology for HIT (3)	
HIT	220* ICD Coding (3)	
HIT	230* CPT Coding (3)	
HIT	240* Applied Coding (3)	
HIT	250* Quality Management in Healthcare (3)	
HIT	260* Healthcare Law and Ethics (3)	
HIT	270 Management for Healthcare (3)	
HIT	280* Healthcare Statistics and Research (3)	
HIT	290* Clinical Application Experience (3)	
<b>Social Science Electives</b>		<b>3 hours</b>
PSYC	101 General Psychology (3)	
SOC	101 General Sociology (3)	

\*Prerequisite required